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PUMPKIN VINE CENSUS.

One of the most delightful episodes in the drama of county government, Hawaiian to the very essence, is the story of Chairman Smith and Mr. Paele of the Board of Supervisors, and of the distinguished Mr. James Cullen of Waiahole, and how one of them collected data on tree life in Hawaii at a cost to the public of \$60 per month for the benefit of an Eastern man who expects to get the information for nothing.

It appears that, about the first of the present year, a stranger, living some 5000 miles from Honolulu, wrote to the Board of Supervisors asking for facts about our indigenous flora. Whether he enclosed return postage is not given us to know. At any rate when Chairman Smith read the Eastern man's request, he made up his mind to gratify it regardless of time. It was open to him, of course, to call up the Board of Agriculture and Forestry and suggest that it send a forestry bulletin to his correspondent, but that was too small potatoes for Mr. Smith. He wanted to do the thing in a dignified way. So he requested each Supervisor to write of the tree life in his district and report to Jack Lucas. It is not yet known what Supervisors Smith and Lucas did themselves, though rumor has it that Jack went so far as to examine a hat tree and that Smith inspected some grafted stock at the wharf. As to the outside Supervisors, only one has yet reported and he has done so in a manner so startlingly original as to make himself the central figure in this veracious tale. We speak respectfully of Supervisor Paele.

Mr. Paele has a friend and political henchman at Waiahole, in the person of James Cullen. With the gravity due so important a matter as tree life, Supervisor Paele, sitting as a quorum, appointed Mr. Cullen a "Secretary of Forestry" at \$2.50 per day and told him to find out all about tree life that he could. Mr. Cullen had known something of "Palm Tree" life and he entered upon his per diem task with avidity. He kept at it for two or three months—we are not given exact dates—when the Board, in a spasm of envy, cut him off the payroll. But a great work had been accomplished and it shall not be lost to the world. It is soon to reach the Board in the terms of a formal report.

Secretary Cullen, it appears, is not the man to let anything good escape. Whatever tree life or vine life or shrub life there was in Paele's district he meant to spot even if it doomed him to stay on the payroll for ten years. So he went to work, tree by tree. Visiting Mr. James Stewart's residence at Kahalu, he reported with fine accuracy as to numbers of trees and vines and showed a precient anticipation of the reformed spelling in his description of species. Even the one pumpkin vine on the Stewart premises did not escape. Mr. Cullen arrived, as he says, at the Stewart place exactly at 12:29 p. m. on January 30, 1906, and found:

"Bestill tree 1, Calabash tree 1 Eucalyptus tree Coffee trees 5 Cocconut tree 1 Pig tree 1 Golden shower trees 2 Iron wood trees 6 Java plum trees 4 Kukui tree 1 Mango trees 7 Ohia or mountain apple tree 1 German Lehua red trees 8 German Lehua white trees 5 Orange trees 4 Oleander trees 2 Pomegranate trees 2 Pear trees 18 Peach trees 2 Papaya trees 28 Pride of India trees 3 Ponciana regia trees 3 Puhala or screw pine tree 1 Roseapple tree 1 Silver oak trees 2 Small orange china orange tree 1 Straw Barry guava tree 1 Shaddock tree 1, 1 tree I do not know the name. Total amount of trees are 114. Chinese flower vine 2 Stephanotis vine 2 Buganville vine 1 Nastertion vine 1 Single Alamanda vine 1. Total amount of flowers vine are 9. Blue Bells flower plants 1 Bugonia 5 kinds plants 17 Easter lily flower plants 1 Golden lily flower plants 3 Purple lily flower plants 2 Hydrangea lily flower plants 3 Pasmine flower plants 3 Gardenia double plants 7 Gardenia single flower plants 12. Total amount of plants are 49. Chinese Jasmine 2 Geranium 4 kinds red 13 China aster white 5 China aster pink 12 China aster purple 1 Kahili flower plants 2 Maile foreign plants 1 Pluemeiria plants trees 12 Rose plants red 1 Rose plant yellow 2 Rose plant pink 1 Star lilies 3 Rose Button hole white rose 1. Total amount of flower plants are 105. Canna plants 3 Croton plants 4 Palm plants Chinese taro plant Fancy taro plant Chillipper plants 18 Ti leaf or lai plants 95. Total amount of plants 120. Maidenhair 5 Bird's nest 6. Total amount of ferns are 11. Pumpkin vine 1 New Zealand Banana trees 12. Total amount of Banana trees are 12. Left Stewart's at 4:19 p. m."

We can not say just what Mr. Cullen's report has cost Oahu county all told, but that is a matter of detail. The privilege of knowing the exact wealth of Mr. Stewart in garden flora, will be worth all it cost to the taxpayers and may aid the assessor in his arduous work; though we fear that so much of the enumerated tree life is exotic as to disappoint the probable hopes of the Eastern scientist regarding indigenous growths. However he can not complain. Whatever the information may cost the County, it will cost him nothing; and in happy contemplation of Mr. Stewart's pumpkin vine and of "1 tree of which I (the Secretary of Forestry) don't know the name," he may realize that our Board of Supervisors aims to please and is only too glad to know when anything is wanted.

By way of postscript may we modestly inquire whether Mr. Cullen's time between his arrival at Stewart's place, at 12:29 p. m. and his departure at 4:19 p. m. counted as one full \$2.50 day?

Thomas C. Platt, the senior senator from New York, may resign his office. Twenty-five years ago he gave it up under the cloud of a great personal scandal. One of the New York papers, commenting on the event, said that there was "scarcely a bubble on top of the mud that had closed over Platt." Five years later, however, the ex-Senator was the undisputed boss of the Republican party in New York and sixteen years later he re-entered the Senate, of which he is still a member. Since the insurance inquiry, his political prestige has gone and the circumstances attending his recent domestic overturn, affect his personal standing. If Platt resigns he will do the only thing left him to satisfy the Republican party of New York.

A wise provision in the will of William Ziegler, the baking powder millionaire, was that denying his adopted son control of the principal of a vast bequest until he reached the age of forty. It is customary in such matters to consider a male heir competent at twenty-one, but it is a custom more honored in the breach than the observance. In eight cases out of ten a lad of twenty-one is no more fitted to manage a fortune than one of seventeen. To give him great properties is to make him the prey of sharpers and of his own coldness. At forty a man begins to acquire financial sense, if he has capacity for it at all; but at twenty-one he is not a safe custodian of \$30 a week.

John Simpson or Siemsen seems to have been a Hawaiian who left his country for his country's good. It is highly fortunate for us that the average islander, when he makes up his mind to lead a life of crime, goes to the populous places on the mainland, where it is easier to hide. Here a native criminal can not long "lie out" without being recognized and reported by people of his own race. It is different with our Asiatic population where the tendency is to conceal a criminal of its own blood with every device known to Oriental cunning.

We suggest that the money raised last night by the Glee Club and that procured elsewhere in excess of the needs of the Hawaiian band, be used in the relief of the impoverished families of the band boys. Much has been heard, pro and con, about the sufferings of the band but nothing has been told about the destitution of the mothers and wives of the native musicians, who have been deprived for six months of the services of their bread-winners.

Sheriff-elect Iaukea, having nothing to be ashamed of, has filed a full statement of his campaign expenses. It is a modest, clean showing, such as will enhance his good name among his neighbors. The more people hear from Iaukea and the more they see of him, the better are they satisfied that they elected him.

Why should Sheriff Brown not desire to publish a statement of his election expenses?

THE NEW ELECTION PLEA.

"Wouldn't it be glorious," to borrow the pet phrase of a contemporary, to seek a new County election on the ground that the ballot box inspectors of both parties had supplied enough booths to enable all the voters in overcrowded precincts to exercise their rights of suffrage?

Yet this is the heinous offense which, it is said, counsel for the Brown betting ring will cite as legal cause why Brown should have another try at the expense of the taxpayers and in jeopardy of his colleagues on the County ticket who were elected.

A noble civic spectacle, isn't it? However, in the light of the Advertiser's exposure of machine plans just before election, it may be quite true that the five booth proposition worked the final undoing of Brown. As this paper pointed out, the Sam Johnson forces in one precinct were strong enough, if they got into line at 5 a. m. as was said to be their purpose, to hold three booths thirteen hours, or four hours more than was necessary. After this conspiracy was revealed, the five booth plan was adopted at the suggestion of the Governor. Of course it gave Brown's competitor a lot of votes he might not otherwise have had and one can readily see why Brown and the betting ring should want a three-booth election now and want it badly.

Abel Knef was denied the District Attorneyship of San Francisco, not because he was indicted but because the Acting Mayor had no authority to remove the elected District Attorney. The attempt to give Ruef the office was a ring scheme to put him in possession of the graft evidence which had been secured for his own and Mayor Schmitz's indictment. It was a desperate piece of impudence which was foiled by an honest bench. Incidentally the people did their part on election day in preserving a bench of character by defeating the Ruef candidates for judgeships.

Reports from Explorer Peary, printed in the New York Sun, show that he set his peg of discovery nearer the Pole than Hilo is to Honolulu—about 22 miles nearer, in fact. He was 174 geographical miles from the Pole when he had to stop and fight his way back to his ship. People of arctic experience say the feat is a splendid one and it is believed there will be no lack of money to back the explorer in another attempt next year.

As the Governor has ordered the band home to take part in a National Guard inspection on Thanksgiving day and as the merchants have provided the funds, the band's troubles seem practically over. This may also mean that Mr. Cohen's have been simply "continued in our next." It is reported that the tour will have a legal aftermath in the form of suits for salaries against him.

One of the features of the Sunday Advertiser will be William J. Bryan's description of Christian missionary work as he saw it in his journey around the world.

PATENT LOCKING BAR PIPE

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James Brown, chief engineer of the British steamer Isleworth now in port, has been interested in the locking-bar pipes discharged from the Nevada because he was chief inspector of the Coolgardie Water Supply Company during the installation of the locking-bar pipe line. Mr. Brown has a large number of photographs of the work done in West Australia. Some of them show trainloads of pipe and others the pipe being laid with the band-clinching machinery in operation at the junction of the pipes.

In the Coolgardie system the bands were not riveted at all but were clinched and soft lead was poured in and tamped to fill up openings, if any.

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Mr. Brown came across Mr. Muirhead of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation the other day, and after some conversation, they found that they had worked together in Scotland about a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Muirhead, in this conversation, asked the chief engineer if he had ever known a man named Brown working many many years ago in a certain machine shop in Scotland. That brought out the fact that the Mr. Brown referred to was none other than himself. He had sent to a neighboring shop for a skilled machinist and Mr. Muirhead was sent to him and worked under Mr. Brown's direction.

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